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PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Rev. W. T. Johnston Addressed the Men's Meeting on Sunday.

Owing to the blizzard which prevailed on Saturday and which paralyzed all railroad traffic, Dr. Sagebeer, who was scheduled to address the Men's Meeting at the Bristol Baptist Church on Sunday was unable to appear, and Rev. Johnston, the pastor of the church, addressed the meeting rather than disappoint the 101 persons present. He spoke as follows:

REV. JOHNSTON'S ADDRESS.

In the fifth chapter of the Book of Judges, and the twenty-third verse, you will find words like these: "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

A discord is always unpleasant, and if there is any discord in the song of rejoicing in the history of Israel, it is found in the verse which I have just quoted. The prophetess has been directed to sing the praises of the victorious army, and there are some this afternoon who sit here who can remember the sense of joy that thrilled this whole northern country when in '65 the war had been closed, and those who had gone forth in the interest of their country were returning as victorious.

The angel of the Lord is the one who is giving forth this strange expression, "Curse ye Meroz, curse ye Meroz" said the angel of the Lord, and the only record of the town of Meroz, or that locality that bore the

REV. W. T. JOHNSTON.

name of Meroz, is in this verse which I have selected this afternoon, around which I desire to gather certain lessons, and I want you to remember in the course of what I have to say the strange circumstances that brought this about. The country had been threatened, and there was great need for the army. The people had gone out from every hamlet and village to offer battle for a common cause, common interest; this army had gone forth against the enemy, and there had been a victory won. But only one community did not send forth some victors in that army and that was the community of Meroz. When the victorious army is returning the prophetess is singing the glory of each clan, and each town, and each section of the country. In the midst of this glorious applause where every one is singing the praises of each section and each clan; in the midst of this song of praise of patriotic enthusiasm there comes this discordant note from the angel of the Lord: "Curse ye Meroz," saith the angel of the Lord. Why? Not because these people had proven traitors to their fellows in the sense that they had joined the army of their opponents; not because they had even harbored spies for the enemy; not that they had fed the enemies of their country in their dire need; but the only reason why these people were cursed was because they had an opportunity to contribute to the success of the battle, and they failed to embrace the opportunity, and the curse of Meroz is the curse of doing nothing, and if there is any emphasis that ought to be laid in every walk of life today it is that very emphasis to awaken men and women to the fact that there is a curse to the individual who fails to realize the fact that every good cause is God's cause.

You have heard it and others have heard it said on every hand that the business of the pulpit is to deal with religion, and I thoroughly agree with that statement. But there are those who sometimes realize that the pulpit has a door that opens wide enough to discuss the needs of every-day life, and there are those who do not define what religion really is; there are those in our day and generation who would have the minister of Christ, and those who profess to be the brothers of the church, to discuss the mistakes of Moses, and the failures of David, the drunkenness of Noah or such characters as these of olden times, but think that that individual who stands upon the pulpit and proclaims the fact that religion is that force in every human life that ought to touch every phase of life with which we mingle.

I believe upon the authority of the word of God, no man has the right to claim the religion of the Lord Jesus to be his unless that religion's principle as proclaimed by the son of God and is preached and practiced by him through life, shall touch every phase of life of that individual. Every good cause is God's cause, and no man can excuse himself from the performance of that duty which will enable the world to be better.

You have heard repeatedly the story of the man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves. The story has been told you from your youth up; how the bleeding man lays by the wayside; a priest, busy with his religious duties, hurries past on the other side; the Levite goes by, and looks upon the man who is wounded by the wayside and then passes on, until at last the good Samaritan comes and places him on his own beast of burden. We have heard this a good many times, and there isn't a man of you who ever heard that story of the good Samaritan who said within your heart and believed it with every power you possessed that that priest and Levite, though they had nothing to do with the wounding of the man, owed him something, and because that priest failed to pay his duty of brotherhood to the man by the wayside, and that Levite who failed to pay his duty of brotherhood to the man by the wayside, stands out today condemned by the judgment of every man who believes in the great Father. We owe it to the man by the wayside, and so I say, every good cause is God's cause, and no man can excuse himself from doing his duty.

You will remember also, most of you, that in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, the Son of God pushes back the curtain and gives us a view of the great judgment. He pictures the nations of the earth gathered to one great point, the Son of God himself coming as judge and dividing these people, as the shepherds divide the sheep from the goats, and says to those on his right hand, "Come, ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungered and you gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in." "Lord, when we saw thee thus?" "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it unto me." And He shall say unto those on His left hand, "depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." Why? What have they done? They are not drunkards, nor murderers; they are not liars, nor thieves. The scripture doesn't say so; but they had an opportunity to do good and they didn't do it, and condemnation comes upon them because they didn't do it when they had the opportunity to do good. So the angels of the Lord inject into the song of the prophetess in the long ago: "Curse ye Meroz," because they had the opportunity to do good and didn't do it.

I wonder what was the reason of their absence in this battle. They evidently were interested in it, for victory in this battle meant the saving of their crops. But perhaps they were cowards. They recognized the enemies against whom the army was to fight were men of war. They were well equipped according to their day and generation. These men of Meroz have said, "I am sort of afraid."

I believe with all my heart history will prove my statement to be true that any good cause in time would triumph over the wrong, if it wasn't for the fact that a great many of us are too cowardly to stand by our convictions of what we know to be true.

Mingle with men as you do; listen to them in their homes or in the club, or in the shop or factory; hear them speaking forth in freedom their expression of conditions—social, financial, political; hear them as they declare their convictions upon some great problem, and then watch them as the opportunity comes, and a call is made for volunteers to fight the enemy. Is it not true, oftimes, that wrong triumphs because we are afraid to stand by what we believe to be right? We are afraid of the opposing forces, afraid of the enemy; afraid to be on the losing side. Secondly, we are awaiting the applause. We are afraid that if we happen to be on the losing side we will hear the enemy shouting victory. And, like Peter of old, we will deny our cause rather than stand alone.

I cannot see how any man having convictions in his own heart, and knowing it, can surrender those convictions, as it not only injures his own life, but every other man's; or how that man could listen for applause. It seems to me that he would feel condemnation in his own heart. He ought to be ashamed to look his fellow-man in the face, if he has an opinion of right and is too cowardly to stand by it.

I recognize that men may differ in opinion; men may think differently upon any subject. I believe a man can be just as sincere in his opinion as you and I in our opinions. I do not ask a man who differs conscientiously to surrender his convictions, unless changed in his convictions. I have a right to speak; you have a right to speak. Every man has convictions upon right and wrong of every question between these two forces. Never under the stars of heaven will the community, State or nation be uplifted until men who have right convictions shall be courageous enough to stand by them.

These people of Meroz were, perhaps, afraid to go forth and they felt there were enough other people to go. It doesn't make any difference, there will be enough without the men of Meroz. It is true in this case from which our text is taken. The battle was won by the army that went forth, but many a battle for the right has been lost by the fact that many of the fellows stayed at home. The simple fact that you and I feel we are not important—we do not count formuch — we only count one—that one is a mighty factor oftimes in results. The simple fact that a man having convictions of right, realizing the opportunities that are his, realizing there is a war raging between right and wrong measures himself as being so small that he could not influence the result is no excuse. I again say that almost every great reform that has been lost, was lost, not because there were not a conscientious number of men who believed in it, but they thought their part in the whole conflict was so small that when the real test came they did not show their colors—they did not put themselves in line of battle. When the army went forth to battle they were at home.

Secondly, the cause failed, not because there were not enough people who believed in the righteousness of the cause, but because they were people like Meroz, who thought they were small and insignificant, they would not make much difference one way or another, consequently stayed at home and when the army returned, instead of being able to sing songs of victory over forces of wrong for the benefit of a great community, heard the cry and were discouraged themselves and discouraged others because they said, What is the use.

It is a fact of history, that the people for whom great heroes of the world have fought, and for whom they have suffered all things, the people themselves have been unwilling to help themselves. The reason why many a great and good cause against the wrong has failed is because you and I failed to recognize our personal responsibility and the importance of our presence in the great conflict. May I impress this upon your minds, whatever may be the battle of right against wrong, every man who fails to show his colors, and every man who stays at home when he ought to be in the front rank of the battle, that man shall hear as did the inhabitants of Meroz: "Curse ye, curse ye Meroz, because they came not to the help of the Lord against the Mighty."

Perhaps these people of Merez did not go into battle because they had to do so many things at home. They had so much of their own interests to look after—their vines, fig trees—a number of interests to look after, so they stayed within themselves. While this is a great battle and we are interested in the results, there are enough people to do that thing. I have to look after these, so they pruned their vines, took care of their trees, looked after their cattle and cared for their home. I have no doubt each night they listened to hear some messenger tell of what the army was doing at the front. Of course they were interested, but they had not many of their own interests. There is a lesson here, men, but I know just as you do that for a man to take a stand upon the right side and to let that stand be known in this community, means the fact that there is going to be pressure brought to bear.

A business man the other day in the Borough of Bristol, informed me that some time ago, this is ancient history, I suppose, though not so very far back, but that if the principal characters in the drama could be mentioned, you would recognize the names, this man did not seem to go along with certain conditions; he seemed to be doing some thinking for himself and acting upon it. He was informed: "If you do not stop doing your thinking we will drive you out of business." Think of that, men. That is not a new story; it is not fiction; it is a fact, and I know, out of my own experience. I have been warned, and was warned sometime ago that my resignation would be accepted. I was supposed to move, but large bodies move slowly. Do not smile? I tell you it is a mighty serious thing when all sorts of pressure is brought to bear on a business man who has a little business, that only furnishes him a livlihood. If he uses the power God gave him to think, he will be overwhelmed by a fear that he will be crushed until he will be unable to furnish his children with bread and butter, and some of us say, I know the right and I ought to do it, but I have these interests at home. I have to care for them, I must be careful, I must pot fight in the battle.

Do not misunderstand me. I do not think it the business of any man to play the part of a fool. I do not think it is just to the homes of some of the men of this town to say what I would say, but I do say this, and I say it with all my heart, when opportunity comes, as it does come, that every man who fails to do his duty and says I am in fear of these men and I have to surrender my manhood, that man will some day hear as did the people of Meroz—"Curse ye, curse ye." Your own vine and fig tree will suffer because you failed to recognize the fact that any vine and fig tree that is not reared by prayer and the principle of every man helping some other fellow, will eventually wither and die, and the fruit of it will fail to produce your desired result.

The men of Meroz were so interested in their own, they forgot the other fellow, and so my friends let me try to plant in your mind this seed, that the man whose only thought is himself, whose thought never goes higher than the circle of his own home and those directly connected with him, is the man who in this world will never be able to grasp the joy, the business, the prosperity and the happiness that was intended to be his by his creator, for no man who lives for self or selfish purposes can ever know the real joy of living. He will always live in the shadow, with a sense of fear, and with the sense that someone else is going to take from him that which he possesses. He will turn it over like the miser does his horde. Held within himself, it shall of every necessity shrink in value and fail to give what it ought to give.

The people of Meroz waited for return of battle, victory was won. The soldiers came home with banners flying, but these people had no part in the victory. The victorious crown will always have the great ingathering. You fellows know me pretty well, you hear me say a great many things about the great local option movement. My heart is very much interested in it. I can say this of it: If it could be positively demonstrated that the great local option movement is going to be a success, as I believe it is, a whole lot of people would be scrambling to get over yonder. If there was to be such an outlook that there was going to be a great Democratic landslide instead of overwhelming Republican majority, a lot of people would be scrambling over to be Democrats. There are some people who are on the side of Republicanism now, who, down in their hearts, are on the other side. A victorious leader has no difficulty in securing followers.

You know a great many people in this world are always ready to say: "I told you so, I thought it all the time, I knew it would come." I would rather be one of the men to go forth in the first battle. I would rather be the man who helped create sentiment than to reap the benefit after it is once created. I would rather stand in the front of battle of righteousness and be defeated overwhelmingly by the forces of evil, than be in a victorious crowd of evil.

The people of Meroz waited for the home-coming victorious army. No doubt they were ready to shout when they appeared, but the angel of the Lord gave the line to the prophetess to sing, and it was curse them, curse them, they came not to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Every good cause is God's cause. That does not mean church polity, church workers, church anything, it is just as religious a thing for a man to vote right as it is to pray right, and it is just as religious for a man to do his part in the business world, to do honest business with his fellow-man as it is to come to the altar of God to pay his vows.

Every righteous cause is God's cause. Every righteous man recognizes his relationship to every relationship of life.

I pray God you and I shall be known in the community in which we live upon the question of right and wrong as far as conscience will permit us, not backbones so flimsical that you never know how we are going to stand, but be men who shall stand with power, crowned with God's own crown, after God's likeness which gives us the power to think, and we shall be victorious first of all in our own life and victorious in the lives of others by the course of our influence, victorious along the line of right, and thus we will aid in the transforming of the community in which we live, the state of which we are a part, the nation of which we are a part, as well as our Church and our homes.

May God help us then, men, to remember that we have a duty to perform when it comes to the question of right and wrong that cannot be sacrificed for anything that may be offered, and may you remember in every walk of life, the crown of right suppresses the wrong in your own life, you will reap joy, and have that breadth of vision, participating in the joy of those, though down-trodden may be lifted, and all men shall know that you and I will always be found upon the side of right, as far as we know it.

Cutting Red Tape.

Many amusing stories are told of ways in which postoffice officials, inclined to keep too rigorously to the letter of their regulations, have been thwarted. On one occasion a man asked for 240 penny stamps and tendered payment in copper. The official declined to receive it, whereupon the man began buying and paying for one stamp at a time. Before he had got a dozen in that way the postoffice official had surrendered. It must have been the same man or a near relative who one Sunday went into a postoffice that was open for telegraph business only. He handed in a sixpenny telegram and asked to be supplied with two stamps besides. No he could not have stamps; telegraph business only was transacted. Innocently he asked if he might have his telegram back for a moment to add something. He added four words to it and tendered the additional twopence. The form was returned to him with the stamps to affix. Crossing out the four additional words, he affixed the sixpenny stamp, pushed the telegram under the counter rail and walked out with his two stamps.—London Tatler.

Extreme Absentmindedness.

"The queerest case of absentmindedness that I have ever known of," remarked the night clerk of a certain hotel, "was that which happened at this hotel early yesterday morning. Two fellow boarders, one Jones by name and the other whose name is Brown, occupied a room on the third floor.

"Well, Brown requested me to have him wakened at 3 o'clock so as to allow him to catch the 4 o'clock train. He was awakened at the requested time, and in his hurry to dress himself he put on Jones' clothes by mistake. He did not discover his mistake until he reached the depot, and, would you believe it"—here the speaker paused—"when he found out that he was wearing some one else's clothes he immediately returned to the hotel and went right to bed."

"I don't see any absentmindedness about that," broke in one of the listeners.

"You don't? Why, he thought that I had awakened the wrong man."

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BENSALEM NEWS

After 45 Years of Service, Cornwells Station Agent Resigns.

The public schools of Bensalem open again on Tuesday, January 4th.

Miss Rachel Randall was entertaining friends at her home in Bridgewater on Sunday.

Mrs. Briggs Weaymens, of Croydon, has been quite ill and is under the care of a physician.

Master Russell Vandegrift, of Bridgewater, was visiting friends in Andalusia on Christmas Day.

The surveyors have recently been in Bridgewater, surveying land for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Waller, of Bridgewater, are spending some time visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Franklin Baker, Sr., has been having his ice house filled from the pond at his summer residence in Bridgewater.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Satterthwaite, of Bridgewater, are spending several days with the former's parents in Fallsington.

After forty-five years of active service as ticket agent at the Cornwells station, George Wilde, of Cornwells, has resigned.

We regret very much to hear of the serious illness of Colonel States, of Cornwells, who is suffering with abscesses in the head.

Mrs. Frank Satterthwaite was recently entertaining her mother, Mrs. William Dyer, of Bensalem, at her home in Bridgewater.

Miss Mary Vandegrift entertained the Ladies' Aid of the Bensalem Methodist Church at her home in Bensalem on Wednesday.

The Christmas festival at the Eddington Presbyterian church is postponed one week and will be held on January 7th in the church.

William Davis and family, of Bridgewater, spent Christmas with Mr. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Davis, of Eddington.

Mrs. David Heartless has returned to her home in Bridgewater from Connecticut, where she was called on account of the illness of her father.

Thomas B. Simons entertained the Sunday School Association of the Eddington Presbyterian Church at his home in Cornwells on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Reynolds and children, of Wissinoming, spent Saturday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Snyder at their home in Bridgewater.

Miss Mabel Gettel, of Croydon, who teaches the primary department of the Eddington schools, has gone to spend the Christmas holidays with her people in Shippensburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Davis are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Charles Thorne and daughter, Grace, of Jersey City, at their home in Eddington, for several days.

At the Eddington Presbyterian Church last Sunday, two boys, Alfred and Roy Rigby, walked over two miles through the drifts to keep up their perfect record of attendance. Alfred has not missed a Sunday in ten years and Roy not a Sunday in four years. Others came not so far but a few kept their record good.

A trolley was storm-stayed on Saturday afternoon near the Bristol cemetery. Quite a number were in the car among whom were Jonathan Vandegrift, of Bridgewater, and Louis Walton and friends of Andalusia. They stayed there all night and in the morning walked home. A gentleman and his wife, who were going to Torresdale, also walked there. Unfortunately, the sweeper was behind the trolley and it broke down. The trolley was not dug out until Monday.

Penns Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Mershon and son spent Christmas Day with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mershon.

Mrs. Harry Sterling and son, Harold, are spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Godwin, Morrisville.

We regret to state that there is no improvement in the condition of Mrs. George Baker, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. We sincerely hope she may soon recover.

There were no services in the chapel last Sunday evening, due to the condition of the roads. The roads were blocked with snow as high as the fences, and were not opened before Tuesday, when the Supervisor put a force of men on to open the way for the mail carrier. Telephone wires were put out of service.

The Christmas entertainment was held in the chapel on Thursday evening, December 23rd. The children did their parts well and great credit is due to the committee in charge. Santa Claus was there in splendid array, loaded down with gifts for everyone. The pastor and wife were presented with a handsome robe as a token of esteem by the church. The following programme was rendered:

Song, "Bells of Christmas-tide," by school.
Prayer, by pastor.
Scripture reading.
Recitation, "Christmas Greeting," Freda Greenlee.
Song, "Framed in Wreaths of Evergreen," by seven little folks.
Recitation, "God Bless Us All," Raymond B. Seidensticker.
Duet, "Christmas at Sea," Edwin and Freda Greenlee.
Recitation, "My Gift," Josephine Greenlee.
Song, "Hark the Song of Gladness," by school.
Exercise, "Hippity Hop," primary class.
Recitation, "A Glad Little Girl," Edna Robinson.
Solo, "Wonderful Night," Mary Satterthwaite.
Recitation, "Her Christmas Letter," Jane Greenlee.
Exercise, "Angels," intermediate class.
Recitation, "Christmas" Daniel Boone.
Song "Lo, a Burst of Glory" by school.
Recitation, "Christmas," Ida Swain.
Duet, "A Christmas Lullaby," Jane and Anna Greenlee.
Recitation, "O! Bethlehem, Blest Bethlehem" Amy Swain.
Song, "Ring the Merry Bells Today," by school.
Recitation, "What Santa Said," Andrew Beechtree.
Address, by pastor.
Collection.
Quartette, "That Wonderful Night."
Reading, "Annie and Willie's Prayer," Mary Satterthwaite.
Solo, "Beautiful Angels," Frank Vaneekhoven.
Exercise, "No Room," by four boys.
Song, "No Room in the Inn," Miss Seidensticker's class.
Recitation, "Christmas all the Year," Anna Greenlee.
Duet, "Do they think of me at home," Helen and Miriam Watson.
Recitation, "Note to Santa Claus," Bernard Robbins.
Song, "Peace on Earth," by school.
Chorus, "Sweet the Christmas Message."
Benediction.

Nearly 816,000 marriages took place in France last year.

NEWS AT THE COUNTY SEAT

Doylestown Shut In by the Christmas Blizzard.

ENGINEER OUSTED

Served Thirty Years as Borough Official and is then Dropped by Council.

For more than a week before Christmas, county seat folk were wishing for a white Christmas and they got it and then some. About nine o'clock on Christmas morning a fine snow sifted down, soon covering the ground with a mantle of white. It was Christmas day and but few people went out in the storm. By evening three or four inches had fallen and then the blizzard got in its work. About six-thirty the snow was coming down fast and heavy; a high wind accompanied it and soon drifts, almost impassible, were formed.

When the town woke up Sunday morning at least sixteen inches had fallen, but owing to the high wind nearly all of the sidewalks had from two to six feet of snow on them and the snow shovelers' task seemed a hopeless one. On many streets the man of the house, after having broken a pathway, found it filled again by the driving snow. Milkmen were scarce and the lacteal fluid was at a premium. No Sunday papers arrived except a few copies of the "Record." No Sunday school services were held and every one who could, stayed inside the house.

The trolleys were all out of commission on Saturday afternoon and all day on Sunday. The Willow Grove line was the first one opened, it not having suffered as much as the rest. The Bucks County Railway was opened to Newtown by Tuesday morning and the snow plow arrived here late at night. The Easton road opened at both ends by Tuesday noon. Hard luck with their big snow plow on Monday delayed them, the axle of one of the trucks broke and several valuable hours had to be wasted in putting a new truck under the plow. On its trial trip on Monday morning the new truck jumped the track opposite the old armory on West Court street and after a couple of hours of hard work was gotten back on the rails. However, Wednesday night saw the road opened, the drifts in some places measuring from twelve to sixteen feet in height.

The railroad was practically tied up on Saturday night although the midnight train with two engines got in at 2.35 a. m. On Sunday morning a snow plow came in from Lansdale and at noon the milk train, in charge of conductor Harry Miller, went out. Then there was nothing doing until four o'clock when a train from Philadelphia came in, turned around and started out again, sticking fast in a drift at Hood siding, about half way between Doylestown and Lansdale. There they stayed from five o'clock Sunday afternoon until they were dug out by a big snow plow which came across the Stony Creek road from Norristown, propelled by large freight engines. There was no train into Doylestown from four o'clock Sunday afternoon until twelve-thirty on Monday and over a hundred unhappy Doylestownians spent Sunday night in Lansdale, the most of them in the cold and wet waiting room of the railway station.

On Monday Street Commissioner Holcombe, with a force of thirty men started to dig out the fire plugs and open the crossings. It took nearly all of Monday to get at the fire plugs and it was not until Wednesday night that the crossings were opened. Streets like Clinton, Haney and Shewell avenues, blocked by ten feet drifts, gave the most trouble. By Wednesday the farmers were able to get into town; most of their trips, however, had to be made through the fields and reports of drifts as deep as twenty feet were not at all uncommon. It is worse than the blizzard of 1899 but does not approach that of 1888.

CONSTABULARY AFTER MURDERER.

The murder of Santo Barcalogue or as he was better known in the lower end "Sunday Barcalow," caused considerable excitement here. All day Saturday and Sunday, District Attorney Ryan kept the telephone wires hot and there is now but little doubt of the murderer's identity, in fact, it is believed by the authorities here, that the Trenton police either have the murderer in custody or, at least, under such close surveillance that his escape is impossible. District Attorney Ryan has given the State Constabulary a chance to distinguish themselves and while they may not be able to apprehend the murderer, they may render valuable assistance in procuring the evidence necessary for a conviction. James Russo is supposed to have committed the dastardly crime and the police authorities of the large cities are on the lookout for him. Fortunately, a good description of him was at once obtained and as the blizzard must have interfered with his escape, his alleged capture in Trenton is probably correct.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS DELAYED.

Owing to the blizzard but two Sunday schools were able to give their full programmes, the Reformed and the Lutheran; however, the teachers of the various classes in the other schools are holding on to the gifts, candies, oranges, etc., so that the youngsters will get them, eventually. The Christmas music of the churches, especially the Episcopal and Reformed, is more elaborate this year than ever before and will be given next Sunday. The Episcopal Church choir, which has been going around every Christmas eve for several years, singing carols, did not allow the storm to put a stop to their pilgrimage, but went out for nearly two hours, singing delightfully.

BOROUGH ENGINEER OUSTED.

Doylestown Borough Council held a short and very mild session on Monday night. The most important thing they did was to oust Brorough Engineer William J. Wintyen, who, for nearly thirty years has managed to succeed himself, but this year fell a victim by the desertion of President of Council, Wilson, who up to a week ago was one of this most ardent admirers. To Councilman George Watson "Bill" may attribute his defeat and what effect it will have on Councilman Watson's run in February, remains to be seen. Wintyen has many friends in the First ward and unless the Democrats come to Watson's aid he will be beaten. The trolley freight ordinances were taken up, but beyond giving them first reading and referring them to a committee of three for further investigation, nothing was done. All the big talk of what Council was going to do to the trolleys was dropped and Superintendent Lugar, of the Easton road and Attorney Ryan, of the Rapid Transit Company, led them aroud just where they wanted them to go and they never registered a single, solitary kick. Grundy's organ, "The Intelligencer," last week rather broadly intimated that the talk about the big stick was only a bluff and that certain men in Council wanted the representatives of the companies to come and see them and now popular opinion says that they were "seen" and from Monday nights' action the seeing was effective. The trolley companies will get all they want and get it just the way they want it. The ordinance permitting the Bucks County Railway Company's track passed second reading after having been amended so that the permission applies to passenger cars only.

JANUARY TRIAL LIST.

The trial list for January term of Civil Court is out and has but eighteen cases on it. The Judge called the list over and it was found that but thirteen of the eighteen are ready for trial. It will be a Doylestown Court as five of the thirteen marked for trial have at least one of the parties living here in the town.

Last week Judge Stout decided the "head tax" case from Bedminster in favor of the Supervisors and a sigh of relief went up from every township in the county. This was the one dollar a year tax imposed on non-resident real estate owners in the several townships of the State and declared by the Courts to be unconstitutional. The question at issue in the Bedminster case was the return of the three years tax collected before the law became void. Fortunately for the township it went their way but the Superior Court may take an entirely different view of it and compel the townships to disgorge the illeged tax. Townships like Bensalem and Bristol with large numbers of non-resident land owners would feel it most.

W. Harry Cadwallader, of this place, has been honored by his appointment as one of the honorary vice-presidents of the State Firemen's Association. It is the second time Doylestown has been honored in this way, although other towns have been seeking the appointment. One honorary vice-president is appointed for each county. Joseph G. Hart received the appointment at one time.

CHRISTMAS WEEK IN LANGHORNE

Personal and Church Items Incident to the Holidays in the Pretty Borough.

J. Randall Hibbs has been on the sick list.

Ralph Sweet is visiting his sister in Boston.

John E. Purry is about again, after an illness.

Franklin Briggs has a very satisfactory new auto.

Mrs. Arthur P. Townsend has been ill with tonsilitis.

Miss Ida Headley is spending the holidays at Roxboro.

Mrs. Heironymous is visiting relatives at Willow Grove.

John LeCompte has been ill with grip for several weeks.

Miss Eleanor Myers has a severe attack of rheumatism.

The town was quite full of snow-bound guests over Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Milnor has been visiting relatives at Morrisville.

Miss Anna Search Cliff, of Smith College, is home for the holidays.

Harry Gillam, of Swarthmore, is enjoying the vacation in Langhorne.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bazzel entertained twenty-five guests on Christmas.

Mrs. John Boyland, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Mrs. John Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Edge, well known in this vicinity, sailed on Thursday for Jamaica.

Mrs. Rebecca Duffield was visiting her son at Flat Bush, Long Island, during the holidays.

The dance at the B. C. C. C. on Monday evening was a very successful and enjoyable affair.

Infant Baptism will be observed at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, January 9th.

Miss Ethel B. Mathers, of Philadelphia, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Horace G. Mitchell.

The Misses Mary and Jennie Arbogast have been spending their vacation at their parents' home in Freeburg.

Joseph Eastburn and family, of California, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Eastburn at "Home Farm."

People have been harvesting ice this season at the earliest opportunity, last winter's scarcity making them apprehensive.

Sunday morning at the Presbyterian Church there will be a New Year's service, the beginning of the week of prayer, ending on Friday.

Mrs. Wiggins and son, Oscar, of Wrightstown, and Justin N. Harding, of Philadelphia, were guests of Mrs. Joseph K. Harding on Christmas.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in the M. E. Church on Sunday morning and in the evening a New Year's service.

This Friday evening the preparatory service at the Presbyterian Church will be followed by a social held in the lecture room under the auspices of the C. E. Before the new year opens there will be a short service in the church.

The Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor extends an invitation to all to attend the reception and watch night service in the M. E. Church parlor on New Year's eve. Social from 9.30 to 11 o'clock; watch service 11 to 12 p. m. Refreshments.

The Christmas celebration of the Sunday schools of the M. E. Church on Tuesday evening the 28th; the Presbyterian Church and the Friends First Day school, the 21st inst., proved very delightful and enjoyable occasions, the children acquitting themselves in a very creditable manner and the music of the two former schools very well rendered.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet this Friday, December 31, at 2.30 at Mrs. Angelina Whitson's, the meeting to be addressed by Rev. William W. Sweet, relative to the temperance situation in Kansas. Rev. Sweet is well qualified to speak of this state, which has for twenty-eight years been "dry," he having been born there and not even seeing a saloon until twenty years of age.

The second annual banquet for the men will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church parlor on the evening of January 13th. Among the after-dinner speakers, will be Dr. Charles M. Boswell, National Secretary of the M. E. Home Mission Society; Senator Webster Grim and, perhaps, William B. Patterson, of N. Y., our National Secretary of the Methodist Brotherhood. An excellent menu will be provided by the Ladies' Aid for fifty cents, simply to defray expenses.

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ANDALUSIA NOTES

An Interesting Review of the Week's Happenings in Our Beautiful Suburb.

We regret to learn that John Haslett is lying seriously ill from an attack that came to him on Sunday morning last.

Watch this column next Friday for the detailed programme of the entertainment of the following evening, (January 8th) at the King Library.

Miss Peale's kindergarten children left their school on Friday noon, well furnished with Christmas toys and goodies provided by the lady whose generosity to them is always so thoughtful and abundant.

We have been requested to note once more the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at the rectory on Thursday, January 6th, and the address to be made by Rt. Rev. Nathaniel M. Thomas, the Bishop of Wyoming.

We have not been authorized to make a report of it, but we think it will be a matter of pleasant public interest to learn that Mrs. Charles Biddle was the surprised recipient at Christmas of a most beautiful and elaborate table-set, hand-made and of heavy brass, consisting of a Russian Samovar tea-pot, bowl and tray, from the St. Agnes Guild, of which she is the efficient president.

We are in receipt of a New Year's card from Mr. and Mrs. Penniston, extending to us the greetings of the season, and through us to all others who remember these, our old friends. We assure them warmly that they are not forgotten, but are often pleasantly recalled. We well know that their message is heartily reciprocated here and that very many will be glad to extend them warm greetings and best wishes for the new year that opens tomorrow.

The holiday observances of All Saints parish began well with a goodly attendance at the early chapel service of Christmas and the usual services at All Saints, but on the following day both church and chapel services were omitted, owing to the great snow-fall. Sunday school was held, however, at the chapel with an attendance of fifty-one teachers and scholars, surely, a very gratifying showing and one which bespeaks much loyalty and zeal. The other end of the parish was practically impassable, no matter what the zeal of Sunday school and congregation.

Some of our fellow villagers will not soon forget their experience of Christmas night. Lewis Walton and Dorrance Wright returning from a meeting in Bristol at a late hour were snowed in on the trolley near the Bristol cemetery and passed the night in the car, making their way on foot the following morning to Eddington, whence they came later in the day on a sled. Rod Fries and Albert Bennett were on a Frankford trolley car, snowed in at Longshore street and made their way home by a long, dreary and toilsome trudge of several hours, taxing to the utmost their youthful strength and courage.

This year of 1909 has been, as is frequently noted, a remarkable year for the centenary birthdays of distinguished men. Among the most notable was that of our Abraham Lincoln whose hundreth birthday was celebrated on February 12th. On December 29th the English folk celebrated the day of Gladstone's birth one hundred years ago, who stands easily among the first and greatest who have honored their history. A greater difference there could hardly be between these noble men in birth, training, inherited tradition, personal advantage for education, culture and early probability of great accomplishment, and yet each man stands as a peer among his fellows, by virtue of an almost universal acclaim. Lincoln though, perhaps, not professedly a Christian man had faith in God and prayer that accompanied and emphasized a deep religious nature. Gladstone was the typical English "Churchman" in its highest and best embodiment. Both were politicians in a true and honorable sense and both were consecrated to the cause of human freedom, the one leading out of bondage a whole race whose slavery was a menace to the nation, that was itself responsible, the other seeking to do justice to the down-trodden smaller nations of the East, and whose last great effort in statesmanship was to advance the welfare of Ireland, by wise generous and far-seeing legislation against her peculiar wrongs.

Parkland.

John Stuard was again seen at this place one day recently.

William Kelly and family have moved from this place to Philadelphia.

Miss Lillian Greenlee was a Christmas guest at the home of Mrs. James Schulz, in Trenton.

Wilber and Hobson Jones were Christmas guests of their aunt, Mrs. Emma Moll, of Oakford.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomsen spent Christmas in Philadelphia, at the home of their son, Henry Thomsen, Jr.

Edgar Carneal and son, Robert Carneal, of Fredericksburg, Va., were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Annie Brady.

The acre of ground belonging to Mrs. E. Marie Prettyman Dunlop, deceased, was recently sold to Stanton Metlin, of Philadelphia, for $400.

Miss Elizabeth M. Fish was a Christmas visitor at the home of her brother, John T. Fish, in Fallsington, where there was a family gathering.

Many of our streets are still blockaded from the recent blizzard and graphic stories are being told by those out of town during the storm, and of their varied experiences in reaching home.

The public school was closed on Friday last for the holidays and will re-open on Monday, January 3rd. A Christmas treat was given to the pupils by their teacher, Miss Kate Alcott, of Newtown.

A WOMAN'S BACK.

The Aches and Pains Will Disappear if the Advice of This Bristol Citizen is Followed.

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Tullytown.

Miss Elinore B. Caffee has been spending a few days with friends at Harleysville.

Miss Mildred C. Lovett, of Yardley, was a recent guest at the Methodist parsonage.

Successful Christmas entertainments were held by both the public schools and the M. E. Sunday school last week.

Harold Simpson, injured seven weeks ago in a railroad smash-up, is still suffering from the effects of the accident.

The employees of the Edgely greenhouses were gratified to receive from the management the gift of a Christmas turkey and other articles, tokens of the good-will of the firm toward their men.

Merritt Randall returned from the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, last Thursday, after seven weeks' treatment there for a dislocated knee-joint. The lad is now on crutches, but is improving daily.

James Speck, one of our oldest residents and most respected citizens, died at his home on Sunday evening, after several months of sickness from a complication of ailments. He is survived by his widow, two daughters and a son.

Special watch night services will be held in the M. E. Church next Friday evening. From eight to nine there will be held the regular Christian Endeavor prayer meeting with the topic, "Through this year with God;" from nine to ten a programme of music, readings, etc., will be rendered; from ten to eleven refreshments will be served and a social hour enjoyed; from eleven to twelve a watch night meeting will be held. Everybody is invited.

Next Sunday will be "charter day" in the M. E. Sunday school. That means that all who join the adult Bible class that day will have their names included among the charter members of the class. A novel invitation has recently been sent out, by which it is hoped to increase the membership of this class. All persons over sixteen years of age are eligible and are cordially invited to unite. After the charter is closed the class will become a permanent organization by the election of officers and committees.

PERSONAL NOTES FROM NEWTOWN

Miss Nellie Sellers, of Langhorne, has been visiting relatives here.

A number of family dinner parties were enjoyed on Christmas Day.

Miss Ella Rose, of Ewing, is visiting the family of Edward P. Hicks.

Harold Dean is now in the employ of M. J. Leedom in the grocery store.

Miss Rosa Wittington, of Easton, is visiting the family of H. B. Hogeland.

The St. Luke's P. E. Sunday school was entertained in the parish building on Tuesday afternoon.

A number from here attended the dance at the Bucks County Country Club on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thatcher and son, of Flatbush, N. Y., have been guests of Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Elms.

Miss Lillian M. Stout will entertain her numerous friends on Saturday evening, January 8th, with cards.

Miss Helen Marshall, of Philadelphia, who formerly resided here, has been critically ill at her home in the city.

Mrs. Watson P. Church has issued invitations to her lady friends for a "Bridge" party on Tuesday afternoon, January 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Little have moved into their new home on Chancellor street, which they have recently remodeled.

Alfred H. Blaker, of Fox Chase, was in town last week bidding farewell to his friends before leaving for Texas, where he will reside for the present.

Mrs. S. J. Worstall and daughters, of West Chester, spent Wednesday and Thursday with relatives here and attended the reception given by Miss Helen T. Worstall on Wednesday afternoon.

Monday night men were working all night digging out the Trenton trolley tracks and on Tuesday morning A. F. Cleaver, proprietor of the Brick hotel, gave a breakfast to about twenty-five of the men.

Our town, like most of the towns in the county, has been well snowed up, the severe snow storm on Christmas day with the high wind blocked the railroad tracks and trolley lines so that people were stranded here, mails delayed and things generally at a standstill. An opera troupe that had a show in the hall on Saturday evening were unable to get away until Monday and spent a good portion of the time in the railroad station and in the cars. The trolleys were running in fair shape on Monday afternoon and by Tuesday afternoon the railroad tracks were shoveled through so that the trains were running on time. On Tuesday the mails were very heavy.

Eden.

Miss Louise Schubach, of Philadelphia, is a guest at the home of Frederick Lentz.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Johnson spent the week-end with friends in Brooklyn.

Joseph Keating, the seven-year old son of Thomas Keating is ill with typhoid fever.

Walter B. Satterthwaite, of Westtown Boarding School, is home for a ten days' vacation.

Edward Wenlock was a Christmas guest at the home of his son, William Wenlock, of Atlantic City.

Miss Anna Bromley spent the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. George Satterthwaite.

Miss Bessie Wenlock spent Christmas Day with her sister, Mrs. George Charleton, in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris M. Finley, of Norristown, were Christmas guests at the home of William D. Lukens.

Mr. and Mrs. William McKinley, of Newtown, spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. Harvey Bailey.

Rev. and Mrs. Maris Graves, of Philadelphia, are spending some time with their daughter, Mrs. George E. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cutler were Christmas visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs. Henry Froelich, of West Philadelphia.

Christmas Day was almost a day of tragedy in this town when Mrs. Elizabeth Lentz and her son, John were discovered in their home, overcome by escaping gas. Prompt work on the part of Dr. J. B. Heritage, of Langhorne, saved them.

An unusually fine Christmas recital was given this year by the pupils of the public schools and much credit is due to the work and training of the teachers, Misses Iva B. Stradling and Esther J. Pancoast. A small admission was charged and the proceeds will be spent upon the library.

Nearly 10,000 beds in London hospitals are daily occupied by the sick and maimed poor.

A WEEK'S EVENTS IN HULMEVILLE

A Summary of the Christmas Visitors and Other Items.

Mrs. S. J. Illick and Miss Gertrude Johnson spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Florence Keen, of Philadelphia, was visiting friends in town last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haefner and family spent Christmas Day in Pennington, N. J.

Charles Theurer, of Trenton, was a visitor at the home of George Douglass on Monday.

Miss Irene Schneider, of Swarthmore, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schneider.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Smith and daughter, Frances, spent Christmas Day in Pennington, N. J.

Mrs. H. J. Illick is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kunsman, of Bangor.

Mr. and Mrs. Andros Markgraf, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Polsenberg.

The trolleys running from Doylestown to Bristol were suspended for several days on account of the snow storm.

Mrs. Amy Worthington, Mrs. Harry Brown and son, Russell, spent Christmas Day with Frank Leedom and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Crosson spent Christmas Day with their daughter, Mrs. Edward Willet, of Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bachofer, of Swarthmore, spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bachofer.

Raymond Willet, of Trenton, is spending the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Crosson.

Ellis Hartpence, of Trenton, and Miss Iva B. Warner, of Malvern, were visiting Mrs. Amy Worthington and family last Wednesday.

Miss Marian Gill, who is attending school at West Chester, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs Harry Gill.

The Epworth League meeting of the M. E. Church will be led by Charles MacCorkle next Sunday evening. The topic will be "How to concentrate making religion a business."

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Vansant entertained on Christmas Day: Mrs. Martha Vansant and sons, Arthur and Fred, of near Fox Chase; William Vansant and family and John Vansant and family, of Bensalem; James Vansant, Jr., and family, of Cross Roads; Joseph Vansant and family, of Fox Chase; Clarence Vansant and family, of Bensalem; Mr and Mrs. Percy Haines and son, of Trenton; Howard Vansant and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Praul, of Hulmeville, and Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey, of Woodhill.

The regular meeting of Hugh A. Martindell Post, No. 366, Grand Army of the Republic, was held in the Post room, Langhorne, December 21st. After the regular business of the meeting was gone through with, the Post went into an election of officers when; the following were declared elected by Commander Burton:

Commander, Anthony Burton; Vice Commander, George M. Reed; Senior Commander, K. Delaney; Quartermaster, J. R. Hibbs; Chaplain, C. H. MacCorkle; Sergeant, Thomas Sims; Officer of the Day, Daniel Hackett; Officer of the Guard, James McCafferty; Guard, Theodore Worthington; Representative, H. O. Baum. Alternate, J. R. Hibbs; Trustees, C. H. MacCorkle, John Hellings, T. Sims. A public installation on Tuesday evening, January 4th. Eden Council Guard, Sons of Veterans and the public are invited to be present.

Fallsington.

Edward Clemens has typhoid fever.

Miss Annie Moon, who had typhoid fever, is improving in health.

Mrs. Rachel Cadwallader Watson celebrated her 83rd birthday on December 24th.

Arthur Johnson has been taken to St. Francis Hospital, suffering with appendicitis.

The children's festival of All Saints Sunday school was held on Sunday afternoon, December 26.

Newton Myers and sister, Mrs. Mason were entertained at his son's, Lloyd Myers, on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Windle and son, Howell, of Washington, are spending the holidays at Charles Carver's.

Mrs. Charles Watson and Misses Edith and Dorothea Hibbs spent Christmas at Mrs. Edward Allen's at Laurel Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. William Watson entertained their sons, Walter Watson, wife and son, Malcolm, Palmer and Philip, on Christmas.

Morris Breece, who has been driving a milk wagon for Charles Carver, has resigned his position and will run a milk route for himself.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Fish entertained their children, Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper and family, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wildman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hogan, on Christmas Day.

Feed Prices This Week.

Corn, per bushel, old,	$ .80
Ear Corn, " "	.75
Oats, " " new,	.55
Wheat " "	1.20
Middlings,	1.50
Screenings,	.85
Bran, per cwt.,	1.40
Victor Feed, per cwt.,	1.50
Cracked corn, own make,	1.60
Baled hay, cwt.,	1.00
Baled Straw,	.80

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THE NEW YEAR.

Have we ever thought of New Year's Day as a day of thanksgiving? There are already many things, big and little conventionally allowed to that day. We make good resolutions and perhaps calls, and take a holiday if possible. Does not the deeper, more significant thought suggest itself of giving thanks on that day, more than any other? Were it not for the tradition, nearly three centuries old, of having our great Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November, had not custom fixed it so, probably for all time, it would seem to be the natural thing to celebrate it on the first day of the year. Not that we would cut down the few holidays that we have. Unlike some of the Latin lands, where nearly every day is a feast day, there is no danger that the strenuous Anglo Saxon will take too many. But the idea remains.

A year has gone by, a year which, no matter how unhappy we may believe ourselves, has given its gifts to all of us. Now that it is past and gone, we can review it, deliberately, dispassionately; can see where we have failed, where succeeded; what we have lost and what we have won. And who would dare say that life had done badly by us?

We have had the opportunities. If we refused them—but this is another matter. But the year has certainly given us some happiness, and for that we may well be thankful. And if truth forces us to see that our share of joy has been less than many of our fellows, at least we have had the chance, the golden opportunity, to overcome mishaps, and so grow in grace and character.

And if there is nothing else to be thankful for, here is a bright New Year spic and span and all our own, for each one to do as he wills with. Three hundred and sixty-five days to mold as we wish, or, if not quite as we wish, at least with the touch of a strong and valiant hand, which will leave its impress on all that it touches.

So let us go forth with thanksgiving in our hearts, and with that spirit dominating our lives, grateful for the world as it is, and like Mrs. Wiggs, be thankful "that the Lord didn't give us a hare lip," and with courage for the future and gratitude for the past, wish all men a Happy New Year.

The American bankers' association is the largest single employer of detectives in the country, and its work of this kind has been done by the Pinkerton agency since 1895. Now the job is to go to an agency started by William J. Burns, who has been doing effective work for the United States government in the western land frauds cases. Failure to agree upon terms caused the break with the Pinkertons, who have a great accumulated knowledge of professional bank crooks. As most of the older crooks are dead or in jail, it is felt by the association's officers that a change can be safely made.

COURAGE TO BE AN INSURGENT.

Success Magazine, which is one of the most powerful and consistent agencies in the warfare against corrupt politics, has turned its engines of destruction against the Cannon machine and urges defeat for every Congressman who supports Speaker Cannon. In justification of his belligerency the magazine editorially says:

It the public could for one moment understand the gravity of the present situation it would rise, to a man, and remove by force, should his "rules" provide no peaceable method—the stupid, profane, un-American obstructor of all progress who today occupies the marble chair of the Speaker and wields the gavel of authority.

These are strong words—the strongest we have ever uttered on this unpleasant subject. We utter them now because we know what the Cannon Ring stands for.

The Cannon Ring stands for the shameless and complete exploitation of our national resources—which are our national assets—by private corporations.

The Cannon Ring stands for a ship subsidy, a high tariff, a fat pork barrel, dishonest Government contracts, a demoralized and dishonest customs service, and for every other device useful in stealing money from a wide-open treasury.

The Cannon Ring stands for tricky and desperate opposition to postal savings, parcels post, income tax, improvement of the nation's waterways, scientific tariff revision, direct election of Senators—to representative government and to Democracy itself.

In the past the Cannon Ring fought against the railway rate law, the meat inspection law and the Pure Food law but was finally forced to act by an aroused public and by Theodore Roosevelt.

Really, this Cannon Ring is perfectly, hopelessly rotten. It is in no sense a Republican institution. Cannon was elected Speaker last March through the assistance of Tammany Hall.

The Cannon Ring is sodden with political vice. It is drunk with long-continued power. And now, quite aware that its day is over, Cannon himself is well known to be ready, when next the Congressional cards are shuffled, to throw the power to the Democratic half of the Ring in order to prevent progressive and intelligent men from grasping and wielding this power. For Cannon hates progress and intelligence as Richard III, hated manly beauty.

Naturally the little group of clean-thinking, right-minded Republicans in the House have no place in the Cannon Ring; so they are called Insurgents. These Insurgents know the truth. They are fighting for two essential things—honesty and progress.

It takes courage to be an Insurgent. Such a one finds the whole power of Government apparently bent on crushing him. The Ring works busily to discredit him in his district. Cannon throws him off his committees. The Senate machine bears down on him. President Taft and his Cabinet, with all their powerful allies, work against him. And yet there he stands today, wondering, sometimes if the whole world is conspiring for evil, but continuing blindly and sturdily to fight for those essentials—honesty and progress.

Five employes of the Sugar trust have been convicted on charges of complicity in the frauds on the United States customs at New York. It is recognized of course that they were merely the tools of men higher up in the service of the trust. We are now to see whether the principals in this great thievery are to be detected and punished.

After the Wilson tariff bill had been treacherously emasculated in favor of "business" and passed by Congress, President Cleveland refused to sign the measure and denounced it as a measure of "perfidy and dishonor." After the same knavish treatment of the Payne bill by a Republican Congress smiling President Taft signed the bill and proclaimed it to be "the best tariff act ever passed by any Congress." Vox populi, vox Dei! How long, oh, Lord, how long?

The coolness between President Taft and Senator LaFolette must have been intensified by the senator's disposition to fan the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy by his strong anti-Ballinger editorials in LaFolette's Weekly. These acid comments have undoubtedly eaten into the President's skin and aroused his anger. The Senator, in fact, appears to have little concern as to his relations with the White House, and he must be fully prepared for an open break. How far the administration can safely go in attempting to expel him from the Republican party is a delicate question that should not be settled offhand, since the Republicans of Wisconsin as a mass cannot be safely ignored. At present the senator seems likely to be returned for another term, regardless of the intense dislike felt for him by the Republican leaders of the Senate and by Mr. Taft himself.

The Washington government faces the necessity of a bond or debt issue at least to the extent of taking care of the Panama canal expense. The president has been in conference with Secretary MacVeagh and Senator Aldrich on the subject. The treasury's cash balance has now reached a very low level. It amounts in free funds immediately available only to about $23,000,000, while the deposits in the government banks are down to $537,000,000 and these cannot well be drawn upon further. Meantime current expenditures continue to exceed receipts. Not since the second Cleveland administration has the federal treasury been in so depleted a state. And yet at the last regular session of Congress the sum of thirty-three millions of dollars was voted away for postoffice buildings in districts that need them no more than does Bristol the proposed $75,000 Federal edifice.

The Republican "insurgency" is even spreading in Ohio. That former thick-and-thin party organ, the Cleveland Leader is printing editorials in vigorous assault on "Cannonism," "Aldrichism," etc. This is also true of the Toledo Blade and other papers that might not long ago have been placed in the orthodox class. The Ohio State Journal, of Columbus, undertakes to speak of the party throughout the State when it says:

The people of this state are disgusted with the subserviency of its representatives and senators to Cannonism and Aldrichism, and they propose to end it at whatever cost. Republicans will not go on voting to maintain a system of political control dictated by the interests and obedient to a selfish bossism. The Republican party was organized for liberty and equal rights, and it does not propose that the high ends shall be lost sight of in a struggle of privilege or the domination of political oligarchy.

At this rate a big shake-up in Ohio's Congressional representation should be due about next fall. The President's subserviency to Senator Aldrich in the tariff revision does not seem to have taken very well in his home state.

The people are just beginning to learn of the great frauds perpetrated at the extra session of Congress when the country was buncoed on the alleged revision downward of the tariff. For instance in the metal schedule, besides the notorious lead swindle to aid the Guggenheimer trust, tungsten, used for incandescent electric lights and alloy for the manufacturing of steel tools, springs, piano wires, etc., where extreme hardness is needed, has been increased from $4 a ton to about $50 a ton, and similar advances have been made in ferro silicon, a metal used for improving the quality of cast iron, and on antimony, a valuable alloy in type metal, pewter and other metals. The result will be an increased cost of all articles of which these metals are important ingredients.

In the sugar schedule the consumers are taxed two cents a pound for one of the most necessary articles of the dining table. The phraseology of the bill, in the sugar schedule, is such as to enable the refiners to levy a tribute upon the American people for the purpose of enriching themselves. This bill practically requires every pound of imported sugar to pass through the refiners' hands before it reaches the American consumer and from every standpoint of justice and equity this schedule should have been readjusted. But instead, the graft of the band of criminals that sit around the table of the board of directors of the American Sugar Refining Company is by this bill to be continued.

And still the politicians who control the Republican party in all of its ramifications preach "regularity." Rot!

What Texas Has.

Galveston News.

While it may be almost impossible for some to appreciate the vast territory within the borders of the State, a statement of its wonderful resources yet in the infancy of their development and some yet as virgin as when the earth rounded into its present form, will stagger the most credulous.

Texas has—

More wheat lands than both Dakotas.

More corn lands than Illinois.

More fruit lands than California.

More timber lands than Michigan and Wisconsin combined.

More rice lands than all the rest of the States.

More marble than Vermont.

More granite than New Hampshire.

More petroleum than Pennsylvania.

More cotton than any other two States, producing one-third of the crop of the United States.

More iron than Alabama.

More gypsum than any other State.

More lignite than the whole of Europe.

More kaolin than the whole of Europe.

More railroad mileage than any other State.

Coal fields that cover an area of 80,000 square miles.

And a thousand other things unequaled by any other State in the Union.

Some fine fat jobs still exist under the fee system in Chicago's scheme of municipal government. For instance, there is the oil inspectorship which pays the incumbent about $20,000 a year. The Record-Herald cannot see where the work and compensation agree, and asks: "Has Chicago ever had an oil inspector whose services were nearly as valuable as those of the secretary of state and the chief justice of the United States combined?"

Blue, pink and aquamarine diamonds were recently exhibited in London.

A VISIT TO BLOOMSDALE SEED FARMS

Paper Read at Indianapolis by a Market Gardener to Market Gardeners Concerning Bristol Seed Farms.

The following paper was read by Edward L. Deitz, a market gardener, at Indianapolis, Ind., at a meeting of market gardeners, and was published in the Marion County Mail, Indianapolis, on August 6, 1909, and tells of a visit of expert vegetable growers of Indiana to the Bloomsdale farms of the D. Landreth Seed Company of Bristol. The paper is as follows:

MR. DEITZ'S PAPER.

With the intention of observing and determining relative claims of various seed merchants in the East, we, a self-constituted committee of investigation, started, on the 30th of May, on a special journey of four hundred miles to visit Philadelphia and New York to see for ourselves and endeavor to judge who among the rival merchants soliciting seed orders from market gardeners, were best worthy of obtaining and possessing the confidence of market gardeners whose livelihood depends upon obtaining seeds of the greatest purity.

We will first remark that we found all of the Eastern seed firms to have fine seed stores full of everything which a market gardener could probably wish for, but not one of them has a large and practical seed farm like the Landreths; nothing approaching to it by eighty per cent., for it was a revelation to us as to extent of methods of culture and great diversity of operations, to say nothing of the surpassing beauty of the location and attractive park-like surroundings.

The Landreths do not run a city store, not even a city office, but are in every respect operating right in the country—the storehouses, offices, residences, are in the centre of broad fields of vegetables growing for seed. The Landreth firm is in every way practical and up to date as to extent of operations; in fact as seed growers on their own lands are head and shoulders above anything we saw. They are not storekeepers, but growers.

Bloomsdale has a river front of a mile and a half along the Delaware river, across which is a market garden almost from one end to the other, for the supply of the immense vegetable and fruit-consuming populations of Philadelphia, New York and Boston, all within reach, and taking everything that can be grown. Not these cities alone, but all the seaboard population from Philadelphia to Boston, amounting to twenty millions of people. In fact every farm in south and middle New Jersey is a market garden—a State producing more dollars to the acre than any State in the Union.

We have said the Bloomsdale Farms are situated on the river bank of the Delaware. Along the back of the farm is a canal running up to the coal regions of Pennsylvania and passing through the farm lengthwise is the New York Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, four tracks, over which passes two hundred passenger trains daily, the greatest railway artery in the world. The land is level as a prairie, a brown sandy loam in every respect suitable for market garden operations, for seed-growing operations, although on broader fields, are just the same as market garden operations as respects the period of sowing seed and culture, but with the additional work of continuing the cultivation of the matured vegetables until seed time and harvest, a process prolonged, never less than two months, sometimes for six, often eight months, as in the case of cabbage, turnip, beet, beyond the period of time devoted to it by the market gardener who sells the developed vegetable soon as grown to marketable size.

The visit was so entirely different from anything else in our experience and so deeply interesting, that a brief description of that most notable day will no doubt be profitable information to the market gardeners of Indianapolis.

These farms of the Landreths are located at Bristol, Pennsylvania, 20 miles above Philadelphia, and 70 miles south of New York. The Delaware river at this point is a deep and noble stream, one mile wide of blue water, one hundred and thirty miles up from the ocean, although occasionally used by ocean steamers.

As before remarked, the opposite shore is that of New Jersey, where is grown everything in the line of vegetables, and where there are enormous canning factories for tomatoes, corn, egg plant, squash, pepper, pumpkin—everything that is put up in tins or glass. But before commencing to can these vegetables they are shipped so long as prices are profitable, to the great markets of Philadelphia and New York. Here, also in New Jersey, are grown large quantities of garden seeds for the Landreths, who supply contracting farmers with choice Bloomsdale-grown or pedigree seeds.

On Bloomsdale the seed crops were so large and so varied and so continuous one after the other that it was impossible for us to visit them all but we walked enough to completely tire us out, and were astonished with the great practicability of the whole establishment as a seed farm so superior to any other as to be beyond comparison. Cabbage, kale, Colards, tomatoes, rutabagas, mustard, radish, parsnip, sugar corn, spinach, onion seed, onion sets, pumpkins, cucumbers, beans, etc., etc., are all cultivated with the greatest nicety, and hardly a hat full of weeds to be seen.

The biennial plants, as cabbage, kale, onion, etc., grown last summer and carried over winter, were in full bloom, but the annual plants, as radish, spinach, etc., sown this spring, only partially developed, many just above the ground. The turnip fields were immense; we were shown 39 acres of one variety. We were shown 49 acres in onion sets on which fields from 90 to 125 and even 150 pounds of seed had been drilled to the acre; many varieties of radish in fields of six to eight acres; and so on throughout the entire list, inclusive of 60 or 70 acres of tomatoes, planted and to be planted. We saw enough tomato plants in the beds to set out 150 acres, all of which goes to show the extent of the operations.

The farm is divided into fields of about six or ten acres, all separated by headlands of eight feet, marked by whitewashed posts, the whole presenting a sort of checker-board effect, each space occupied by a crop of different habit and different color. The view from the top of the belfry looking down upon this most unusual panorama of varied crops, and beyond over the surrounding Delaware Valley and across the river was very charming.

While the entire farm is a "trial ground" on a most extensive scale, the special "trial grounds," where 100 plants of every seed from every source are tested side by side, was particularly interesting. These special trial grounds, occupying about eight acres all told, divided into five or six various patches, were a study in themselves, and when the plants are further developed than they were at the time of our visit, will be like a reference library to a market gardener or to any student of vegetable variation. At the time of our visit, 200 trials of table peas were just breaking into bloom, and 150 trials of sweet peas were just budding, the sorts arranged as to class and color, as, for example, all reds together, all whites together, and so on; this being done to aid an intense comparison as to merit. One hundred and fifty trials of sugar corn were vigorously growing, and just so two hundred trials of bush beans and nearly one hundred trials of pole beans. The tests of ornamental flowers will be of exceeding interest later on. Last year these quality tests numbered 8,000, while the germinative tests numbered 24,000.

Among the radishes we were impressed with the 15-Day White Turnip and the 15-Day Scarlet Turnip, both producing flat-bottomed bulbs about three-fourth inch in diameter, mouse-tailed, really thread-like roots, tops not two inches high, foliage so small that the plants can be grown in a frame of hot-bed in rows three inches apart, yet producing bulbs of just the right size and maturing for market in fifteen days from germination, and most remarkable in every good quality. Another radish which particularly struck our fancy was Landreth's Wonderful Half Long, a brilliant scarlet growing four inches long and terminating in a point—the handsomest of all the long red radishes. Among the scarlet turnips we especially noticed the Landreths' Extra Special White Tipped, which is a turnip-formed sort, a brilliant scarlet with a white bottom, the white rising half way up the bulb; a mass of them presenting, when pulled, a most attractive appearance. The Scarlet All Seasons was a dandy, red all over and edible at all stages within one month to five months old, always solid and keeping all winter with the freedom of a potato.

The cabbage and cauliflower tests of one hundred plants each, of over 250 named sorts, which we were told every autumn covered over two acres, must be of exceeding interest to a market gardener.

The earliest trials of spinach were in perfection, the Bloomsdale variety being by all odds the most productive leaf, and altogether the most attractive. We noticed one which was similar, but we believe greatly superior, to the Indianapolis Winter or Thick-leaved, being of the same shape of leaf and same color, but three times as productive, and we believe it will take like wildfire with the Indianapolis market gardeners.

Among kales we noticed the Bloomsdale Dwarf Curled as exceeding choice.

The lettuce tests were not sufficiently developed to indicate quality, but were extensive and admirably arranged in classes as to similarity.

The farm buildings are most extensive, one structure, an immense stone warehouse, was erected over one hundred years ago, or, to be exact, in 1807, as appears from a date stone in the wall. The packing house, 160 feet long, is of stone. The other buildings are all frame with slate roofs. There are five three-floored drying houses, which in the summer are used as seed barns before threshing, and in the winter for storehouses for peas, beans and corn. On the farm are twenty-five tenant houses for plowmen.

The mansion house, facing the river, a large building of twenty-six rooms, was erected away back 155 years ago, or in 1752. This mansion house has the distinguished history of being bombarded by a British flotilla in 1777. It stands embowered in vines in the midst of park-like lawn of about thirty acres planted in rare trees collected from all parts of the world. The rhododendrons and azaleas were in full bloom, masses of all colors; some of the bushes great scarlet globes twelve to fifteen feet in diameter. Many of the finest specimens of rare trees in the United States are to be found at Bloomsdale.

The proprietors are Mr. Burnet Landreth and his three sons, all practical seed farmers as well as merchants. Certainly they should form a strong team—the grandson and three great-grandsons of the founder of the business in 1784, this being their one hundred and twenty-fifth (125) year in business.

While at Bloomsdale we were shown the Roll of Honor, a list of ninety-five (95) old employes who for a long while were in harness—28 over thirty years, 12 over forty years, two over fifty years, and one of sixty-eight years service. There are records of some hundreds of others of twenty years.

A visit to Bloomsdale is worth the time to anyone, as there without doubt can be better observed than anywhere else in the country, processes of sowing, cultivating and harvesting and putting up seeds.

Of course the business of the Landreths is not confined to seeds alone raised on Bloomsdale, for to a very large extent the farm is devoted to raising stock seeds of super-excellence to be given out to contractors who raise crops from pedigree seeds saved on the Bloomsdale fields, these contracted crops from Bloomsdale pedigree seeds being raised not only in a hundred locations in the United States by tested experienced farmers, but in England, France and Germany, for while nearly all vegetables can be successfully grown in this country, the seedsmen have to go abroad for some seeds, as for example, to Denmark for cauliflower.

Committee—Edward L. Dietz, with Koerner, Wolsiffer & Dietz; Fred Wegloft, Henry Brehob.

Comets.

We know positively that comets attain their immense extension in space on account of the material comprising them being excessively tenuous, thinner than the lightest filmy haze of summer, says Professor Harold Jacoby, for we know the comets are not massive, they are almost entirely without weight. And this we know with certainty, because their arrival produces no perturbations of motion among the planets of the solar system, while the inexorable laws of mechanical science tell us that a massive comet must surely disturb the usual orderly planetary orbits. A comet might, indeed, strike the earth, though such a collision is most improbable. But even if it should ever occur the visible effects would probably be no greater than those produced occasionally by meteorites, or "falling stars."

The other possible danger from the comet, the chance of suffocation from gases in the tail, is also negatived by actual observation, for it is almost certain that our earth did once pass through a comet's tail, and no one noticed it at the time. Only the subsequent calculations of astronomers brought out the fact that the cometary orbit and that of the earth really had a common point of intersection and that both bodies occupied that point at the same time.—New York American.

Doubtful Praise.

A fullback in a football team once had the misfortune to put the ball through his own goal. This regrettable error lost his side the game, and he suffered agonies of self reproach on the long journey home.

"I'm no more use than a chocolate footballer," he said to his sweetheart, who had traveled many miles to see him play. "A slip of a boy from school would have shaped better than I did."

"Now, George, I won't let you say such horrid things about yourself!" declared his loyal sweetheart. "You've no idea how popular you are. I heard a gentleman praising you up to the skies this afternoon."

"Never!" emphatically exclaimed the incredulous player.

"Oh, but it's quite true!" she said proudly. "He said you'd brought his club the best bit of luck they'd had for ages, and he heartily wished you were playing against them in every match."—Exchange.

Melodrama to Suit the Locality.

In New York.—Marry me and give me those papers and you will receive $500,000 in cash. Refuse and I'll toss you from the Brooklyn bridge!

In Wilkesbarre, Pa.—And you will receive seventy acres of richest anthracite coal. Refuse and you go into a coal breaker! Choose!

In Denver.—And you will receive 7,000 shares of Umpste gold mining stock, worth umpsts dollars a share. Refuse and you will be c-r-r-rushed in a stamp mill to p-o-o-wder! Choose!

In Memphis, Tenn.—And you will receive 10,000 bales of finest cotton. Refuse and you go into the cotton gin! Choose!

In North Carolina.—And you will receive 18,000 barrels of turpentine. Refuse and you shall be boiled in resin! Choose!—Puck.

"He married money, didn't he?"

"No; he thought he was marrying money, but he merely married something else that talks."—Exchange.

Theaters of Different Ages.

The difference between the playhouse in which we see a drama of Bronson Howard's today and the playhouse in which Sheridan's comedies were originally acted is greater than the difference between Sheridan's Drury Lane and the house for which Congreve wrote and in which Betterton acted. And that restoration playhouse was very unlike the Elizabethan theater for which Shakespeare wrote and in which Burbage acted. Even more apparent is the difference between the theater of Dionysius at Athens and the Roman theater at Orange. These theaters are sharply distinguished from one another by their size, by their shape, by their methods of illumination, by the absence or presence of real scenery and by the arrangement of the seats for the spectators, and as we study these successive changes we are confirmed in the conviction that these physical conditions must have exerted a powerful influence upon the dramatists who followed one another down the centuries.—Brander Matthews in Century.

Wisdom in Fable.

Among the best things that have ever been written are the Aesop's fables, which date back to the sixth century B. C. They present human nature as it always has been, is and probably always will be. Take, for example, the story of "The Fox Without a Tail:"

"A fox was once caught in a trap by his tail and in order to get free was obliged to leave it behind. He knew that his fellows would make fun of his tailless condition, so he made up his mind to induce them all to part with their tails. At the next assemblage of foxes he made a speech on the uselessness of tails in general and the inconvenience of a fox's tail in particular, declaring that never in his whole life had he felt so comfortable as now in his tailless freedom. When he sat down a sly old fox rose and, waving his brush, said, with a sneer, that if he had lost his tail he would be convinced by the last speaker's arguments, but until such an accident occurred he fully intended to vote in favor of tails."

Peculiar Superstitions.

The people of Kulu are extremely superstitious and go in extensively for demonolatry. Many trees are held to be sacred and have tiny temples dedicated to them. The demons are popularly supposed to live at the tops of trees, and if a tree falls in such a way that it is possible to pass under it as is often the case on the mountain sides every man before going beneath the trunk will place on it a stick or a stone to propitiate its guardian spirit. Mountain streams are also sacred, and no one is allowed to wash dirty clothes in them. One year some strangers came into the valley and happened to pollute the water of a river in this manner. It chanced to be a year of extraordinary rainfall, and the people implicitly believe that the excessive rain was sent by the outraged "deota" of the stream as punishment.—Wide World Magazine.

Helping Hubby Out.

"Your wife seems to be wonderfully interested in your business. Must be a source of great satisfaction to you."

"Yes, indeed. Do you know I used to think she cared nothing about it."

"Why the change?"

"I don't know. That's the funny part of it. I can't imagine what has changed her. A few nights ago I went home tired most to death, and during the evening I casually remarked, 'Jole, my business is getting most too much for me to handle. I am thinking of employing a nice, steady stenographer and typewriter. Don't you think it would be a good idea?' From that moment the good little woman has been extremely anxious to assist me and make my lot easier in every way. I suppose it's her natural sympathetic nature. It must be."—Boston Herald.

A Brilliant Judge.

Steady Baker was at one time mayor of Folkestone, England. Once a boy was brought before him for stealing gooseberries, and Steady, aware of the importance of the case, turned over the pages of the alphabetically arranged "Burn's Justice" for a precedent. Failing to find one, he turned to the culprit. "My lad,' said he, 'it's lucky for you that you were not brought here for stealing a goose instead of for stealing gooseberries. There is a statute against stealing geese, but I can't find anything about gooseberries in all 'Burn,' so let the prisoner be discharged, for I suppose it is no offense.'

The Way Down.

They had been making hay while the sun shone, and when they had finished a high haystack the farmer's boy shouted from the top, "Say, mister, how am I goin' to get down?"

The farmer considered the problem and finally solved it:

"Oh, jest shet yer eyes an' walk round a bit!"—Everybody's.

Notwithstanding.

"Here, hold my horse a minute, will you?"

"Sir! I'm a member of congress."

"Never mind. You look honest. I'll take a chance."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

What's Watts?

The Mayor—Watts' wife is a suffragette.

The Colonel—What's Watts?

"A sufferer."—Smart Set.

Those who attain any excellence commonly spend life in one common pursuit, for excellence is not gained upon easier terms.

Wells in India.

The question of wells in India is complicated by the coexistence in each community of two castes—the purer Hindoos and Gonds on the one hand, the weavers on the other. No weaver may draw from the well of the Hindoos lest it be defiled, nor will the Hindoo drink from the hands or the well of a weaver. Thus it becomes necessary either to dig two wells or to depute a certain number of the Hindoo element to give water to their less exalted fellow villagers.

Almost Human.

"Oh, George," tearfully exclaimed his wife, meeting him at the door, "that parrot you brought home the other day"—

"What's the matter with him?" asked Mr. Ferguson.

"I don't know. He won't tell me. When I ask him what the trouble is he just swears dreadfully."—Exchange.

A Bright Boy.

"The gentlemen who came to see daddy said I was one of the most intelligent children they ever saw," said little Jack.

"Indeed!" said the proud mother. "Did you recite 'Little Drops of Water' for them?"

"No. I refused."—London Mail.

A Suggested Improvement.

Mrs Feedem (to star boarder)—Could you suggest any improvement in my menu? Boarder—Well you might make the experiment of transferring the respective qualities of the coffee and the butter.—Baltimore American.

Death is but the dropping of the flower that the fruit may swell.—Beecher.

Passing of the Organ Blower.

"The organ blower is passing. He will soon be like the armorer, extinct," said a musician. "It's a pity. He was a quaint type.

"Most of my blowers were simple minded old chaps who firmly believed they must suit their blowing to the music. In soft, light passages they blew soft and light. When the crescendos thundered forth they worked frantically, blowing with all their might and main.

"Often a facetious reporter on the local paper would refer to 'the excellent blowing of the organist's assistant, Mr. Bellows.' Then the blower in his vanity would develop all the affectations of a Paderewski or a Sousa. Now he'd blow delicately, a dreamy smile on his lips, his eyes half closed. The music would change to a march and he'd stump his foot in time, while up, down, up, down, the old bellows, in time also, would be jerked. At a climax his face would redden, he'd bend to his task and blow so fast and furious that the organ would nearly burst."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Another Case of Faith.

"I wrote a medical friend of mine in London about a curious discovery which I made recently quite by chance but which I shall never publish to the world through the scientific journals," said a Brooklyn doctor last week.

"Not long ago this friend sent me about fifty little dark colored pellets, and he wrote me that they were a new combination of drugs that he had found particularly good in cases of brain fag. He asked me to try them on my patients and report. During the next month or so I doled out the pellets to several of my patients who came around complaining of tired nerves. All of them said that the medicine did them a lot of good. Yesterday, however, I was going through my office desk and discovered those pellets from London intact in the plain envelope in which I had placed them. A hurried but anxious investigation disclosed that I had been administering to my nerve weary patients some wistaria seed that my wife had gathered, put in a plain envelope and laid inadvertently on my office table."—Exchange.

No Lie After All.

They were telling fish stories and at last the tall, lank man on the cracker barrel said:

"I went down to the river this morning, and, although the water was high almost to a flood, I took a ten foot pike"—

"Stop there!" exclaimed the fat man with the corncob pipe. "Tell us you took an eight pound trout, and I'll sit idly by, but a ten foot pike—never! Ananias died for less than that."

"I took a ten foot pike pole," continued the unruffled tall, lank man on the cracker barrel, "and in less than five minutes I hooked out a fifteen foot bass"—

"See here! See here!" yelled the man who owned the grocery. "You'll have to go way from here to finish that lie. I hain't got no lightnin' rod on this store yit."

"I hooked out a fifteen foot bass wood log," persisted the tall, lank man, "and I want to ask how much you think I kin git for it."

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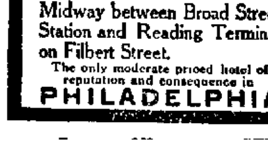

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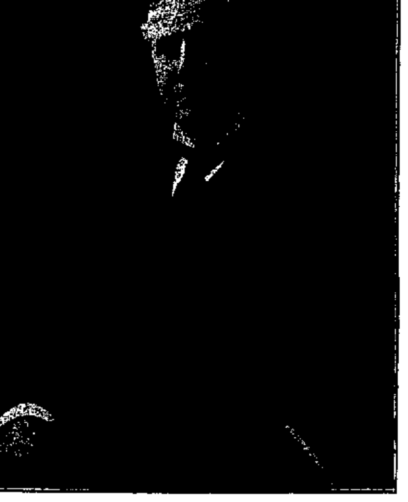

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About nine o'clock Christmas morning the flurry began and continued without cessation until Sunday morning. During the day on Saturday the flakes fell gently and by evening the ground was covered to the depth of three or four inches. As the daylight disappeared a strong wind set in from the northeast and a regular gale developed which drifted the snow over tops of fences and filled the roadways until all traffic was paralyzed.

When Bristol awoke Sunday morning it was to discover a picturesque scene. Mammoth drifts of snow were everywhere, and a thick white mantle was spread over the earth. The limbs of the trees were bending beneath their fantastic white burdens and shrubbery and bushes in the yards were bowed to earth like pagan worshippers prostrate before their idols.

Many Bristolians who went out of town on Christmas day were unable to get home at night. The trolley cars on all the roads entering the borough were stalled at different points along the lines.

One car on the Torresdale division of the trolley got fast in a snow drift below the cemetery with twenty-eight passengers aboard, and they were compelled to stay in the car all night, until nine o'clock Sunday morning.

On the Morrisville division one car with passengers was stalled between Morrisville and Trenton, another between Bristol and Tullytown. The passengers were good natured and made the best of the unpleasant situation.

Superintendent Murphy, of the Philadelphia, Bristol & Trenton Street Railway, got a big gang of men at work and got the line opened through on Monday night.

Wherever possible the passengers on the trolleys were given every accommodation by the company and meals were provided from near-by houses.

The trains on the Pennsylvania railroad were hit as hard by the storm as were the trolleys. There were no trains running at all on this division on Sunday. A train with the Chauncey Olcott theatrical company aboard was stalled near Croydon where the engine broke down. The stars and chorus of the company obtained food from a farm house close by.

Six poles of the Bell Telephone Company were blown down, crossing the electric light and trolley wires. They were repaired by Lineman Clarence Winters and his crew and were in working order again on Tuesday.

By Wednesday all traffic was resumed and regular schedules observed on trolley and steam roads.

Death from Fractured Skull.

While skating on Christmas, Wilmer K. Girton, the well-known undertaker and contractor, of Langhorne, fell on the ice and fractured his skull. He died from his injuries on Wednesday afternoon. The deceased is survived by a widow and several children. He is a relative of William A. Girton, of Bristol.

Harry Vandegrift Assaulted.

On Christmas eve, as he was returning home near midnight, Harry Vandegrift, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vandegrift, of Mulberry street, was assaulted by some unknown ruffian and was robbed. While walking along Wood street, near the Friends' Meeting House, Vandegrift declares he was struck a violent blow with a club or black-jack on the side of his head, the instrument, whatever it was, cutting his ear nearly off. He fell to the ground in an unconscious condition but finally made his way home, a few blocks away. The sum of $22 was taken from his pockets.

Celebrate 52d Wedding Anniversary.

With a fine Christmas dinner tendered to a host of relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Vanartsdalen, of Bath street, Bristol, celebrated their fifty-second wedding anniversary on Saturday. The venerable couple are blessed with three children and five grandchildren and these and their relatives and friends made a company of jolly feasters. Among the many present were: Mr. and Mrs. Vanartsdalen, the host and hostess; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vanartsdalen, Jesse Vanartsdalen, Miss Annie Vanartsdalen, of Newtown; Mrs. George Hibbs, J. H. Vanzant and Harry Hartman, of Bristol.

LOCAL NEWS.

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Mrs. William LeCompte will entertain at euchre on Thursday afternoon, January 6.

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Alva Johnson has signed a contract with the American Tobacco Company and will go on the road as a salesman for that concern.

Mrs. Robert Clark fell in the yard at her home, corner of Washington and Wood streets, on Wednesday of last week and sustained severe bruises.

John Angus, the Mill street ice cream manufacturer and confectioner, has decided to be his own ice-man and is building a store house which he will fill for summer use.

Workmen of the Bell Telephone Company cut the cable of the old Standard Telephone Company between Burlington and Bristol on Tuesday. The cable was used by W. E. Doron as a private line between the two towns.

The opening dance to be given by Enterprise Fire Company, No. 5, will take place at the new fire house on Wood street, between Lafayette street and Jefferson avenue, on Friday evening, January 14th, instead of January 7th, as announced last week.

Misses Vera Vansant and Elizabeth Chambers are home from the West Chester State Normal School for the Christmas holidays. Miss Sara Burns, a student at Cornell, and Miss Eleanor Martin, of the Westtown Friends School, are also here for the holidays.

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SHOT TO DEATH BY THE ROADSIDE

Driver of a Brewery Wagon Murdered in a Lonely Woods near Roelofs.

A murder was committed near Roelofs, in Lower Makefield township, on Thursday, of last week, shortly after 12 o'clock noon, when the driver of a beer wagon for the Capital City Brewing Company, of Trenton, N. J., was brutally shot to death by a man who laid in wait for him. The victim's name is Santo Barcaloque, but better known in Trenton and Yardley as "Sunday Barcalow," and the supposed murderer, who has not been apprehended, is James Russo. Both are Italians. Barcaloque is twenty-six years old and his slayer is about the same age. Russo robbed his victim after slaying him, getting away with about $70 of Barcaloque's own money, with which he had intended to celebrate Christmas, and about $30 of the brewing company's money.

THE SECOND ATTACK.

It is stated that about six weeks ago Russo had attempted to hold up Barcaloque and rob him and since that time the driver of the beer wagon had taken a man with him on his trips into Bucks county. On Thursday, however, he could find no one to go along with him, and he started out on his trip accompanied only by his dog. A number of desperate foreign characters infest that neighborhood and the condition there is said to amount almost to a reign of terror. Barcaloque was indiscrete enough to display a large roll of bills before starting out on his trip Thursday and it is supposed that Russo learned that he had money.

SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD.

On his way to deliver beer to an Italian colony boarding at the premises of Albert R. Wood, Barcaloque turned his team into a lane leading to Wood's place shortly after noon. That was the last seen of him until about two o'clock, when one of Wood's boarders saw Barcaloque lying in the woods near the laneside, his horses having wandered some distance away, where they had stopped, with the dog on guard beside the team. It was then thought that Barcaloque was only drunk and had fallen out of the wagon, but as he still lay there a couple of hours later the Italians at Wood's started to investigate.

When they reached Barcaloque's side they found him dead, with the lower part of his face shot away. The body was removed to Langhorne and the authorities were notified late Thursday night, Deputy Coroner Rue, of Bristol, making a preliminary investigation.

VICTIM TRIED TO ESCAPE.

It is supposed that the first shot was fired at Barcaloque from behind a tree. The charge bored a small hole through the wagon curtain and carried Barcaloque's chin away. It is thought that the victim then leaped from the wagon to escape, and, as he did so, received another charge, which entered his back. Both of these shots were apparently fired at close range. Still attempting to get away he started for the woods when a third shot entered the victim's body below the heart and killed him. The body was then likely dragged a short distance into the woods and robbed. The murderer's weapon was probably a repeating, one-barreled shotgun.

THE MURDERER ESCAPES.

There is but little doubt that Russo was the murderer. Some time before the murder, Mrs. John VanHart saw a man hurrying in the direction of the woods, with a shotgun over his shoulder. After the murder one of Wood's boarders saw a man answering Russo's description running away from the woods.

The authorities have made diligent search for Russo, but as yet have failed to locate him. The great snow blizzard seriously interfered with the running out of clues and has aided the murderer in keeping under cover.

INQUEST TODAY.

Coroner Howard P. White, of Doylestown, went to the scene of the murder on Saturday, then to Trenton, returning later to Langhorne, where he empaneled the following jury, all of Langhorne: J. C. Kirk, Albert Tomlinson, Frank Ridge, Gilbert R. Wells, Albert Darrah and Frank Blano. After the jury viewed the body, it was given into the hands of an undertaker for burial and Coroner White fixed today as the date for the inquest.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Langhorne Board of Trade on December 25th, 1909, a reward of one hundred dollars was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers.

Applicants for Census Examinations.

A. Brock Shoemaker, of Tullytown, who is Supervisor of Census for the Third district of Pennsylvania comprising Bucks and Montgomery counties, states that the government is exceedingly anxious that the work of the thirteenth census be performed with the greatest care and precision that the result will be what is desired when completed. All applications for enumerator should be received at Mr. Shoemaker's office by January 20, 1910. Soon after February 1st, next, the applicants will pass an examination in line of the work to be performed, and each applicant will receive due notice of such examination. Mr. Shoemaker is very desirous of receiving many applications, so that the very best and ablest person in their respective district can be chosen enumerator.

Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary common-school education, can readily pass the test to be given applicants for positions as census enumerators, according to an announcement from the Census Bureau today. It was said at the bureau that the test will be a reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the Twelfth Census. It will consist of filling out a sample schedule of population from a description in narrative form of typical families, and in the case of enumerators whose work will be in the rural districts, they will be called upon to fill out an additional sample schedule of agriculture from information furnished by the Census Bureau.

All applicants, whether women or men, must be citizens of the United States, residents of the supervisor's district for which they wish to be appointed, and must be not less than 18 nor more than 70 years of age. There will be at least 68,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation for the enumeration beginning April 15.

Application forms can be had by writing to the supervisor of census for the supervisor's district in which the applicant lives.

A Prosperous Sewing School.

The members of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church of Bristol have a very successful and prosperous sewing school. They meet every Saturday afternoon in the old church building. They are taught plain sewing, etc. They presented the Presbyterian Orphanage with a number of dolls, all dressed in clothing made by the Juniors. They also gave the hospital at Frankford books composed of fancy pictures, poetry, etc., made in linen and put together in such a way it made quite interesting books.

After Christmas we hope to have more time and material to use in this most important work. The children seem to enjoy it and you would be surprised how neatly some of them can sew. The school would be very glad for donations of material for towels and aprons, muslin, or anything of the kind. S.

Cornwells Festival Postponed.

Owing to the impassible condition of the roads the Christmas entertainment at the Cornwells Methodist Church has been postponed until next Wednesday evening, January 5.

MAY DIE FROM FALL DOWN STAIRS

Joseph Durkin's Skull Fractured by Accident on Christmas Eve.

Joseph Durkin, a wool-buyer for William H. Grundy & Company, is hovering between life and death at the Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, with a fractured skull, caused by a fall down the cellar stairs on Christmas eve at his home, corner of Washington and Cedar streets.

Near midnight on Friday, Mr. Durkin went to the cellar to fix the heater for the night. Mrs. Durkin accompanied him and filled two buckets of coal to bring up stairs. Preceded by Mrs. Durkin, Mr. Durkin started up the steps with a coal bucket in each hand. When he ascended five or six steps Mrs. Durkin was horrified to hear a crash and looking back saw her husband prostrate on the cement floor. Assistance was quickly summoned and a physician called. Blood gushed from the man's ears and he remained in an unconscious condition. Monday he was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, where an examination proved that the skull was fractured from a point above the ear to the middle of the back of the head at the base of the brain. An operation was immediately decided upon and it was performed by Dr. G. A. Van Lennep, removing the pressure from the brain of fractured pieces of bones. The operation was witnessed by Drs. Abbott and LeCompte, of Bristol. But little encouragement is given for the recovery of the patient.

Mr. Durkin has been with the Grundy firm for about twenty-eight years and is an expert wool buyer, and in the course of his business has travelled extensively in many parts of the world, making many trips to Europe, Australia, New Zealand and other countries.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

BAPTIST.

On Sunday Rev. Johnston will begin the fifth year of his pastorate of the Baptist Church and in the morning at 10.30 will preach an anniversary sermon, followed by the Lord's Supper.

Sunday school at 2 p. m.

Men's meeting at 3.30; Judge George B. Orlady will speak. The music will consist of solos by William A. Tucker, of Bristol, and choruses by the Baptist choir under the leadership of Mr Bunting.

Union Temperance Rally at the Methodist Church at 7.45 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Sunday service, 10.30 a. m.; Christmas music will be repeated.

Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.

No evening service, but Union Temperance meeting in M. E. Church at 7.45 p. m.

Tuesday evening, T. N. C. at 8 p. m.

Wednesday, Junior Endeavor 4 p. m., and prayer meeting at 7.45 p. m.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society will meet at the Manse on Thursday, January 6th, at 3.30 p. m. This, the first meeting in 1910, is to be a praise service and every member is asked to be present, and to bring a thank offering and to repeat a verse of scripture on the topic.

Instead of the regular meeting of the "Ladies Union" on next Tuesday evening, there will be a social on that evening to the members of the society at the home of Mrs. Burnet Landreth, to which all the members of the society are invited.

METHODIST.

Rev. S. W. Gehrett, pastor.

10.30 a. m., Communion.
2.00 p. m., Sunday school.
6.45 p. m., Epworth League.
7.45 p. m., Union Temperance Rally of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in the Methodist Church. The Rev. H. W. Tope, D. D., of Philadelphia, will be the speaker.

At the morning service the Christmas music will be repeated and in the evening the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist choirs combined will render the music.

Class meetings, Sunday, 9.30 a. m.; Tuesday, 8 p. m.

Brotherhood meeting, Monday, 8 p. m.

Junior Epworth League, Wednesday, 4 p. m.; prayer meeting 8 p. m.

Watch night services this evening, Friday, 10 o'clock.

Missionary collection in the Sunday school, Sunday next.

CORNWELLS METHODIST.

Sunday, 10.15 a. m., prayer service.
10.45 a. m., preaching by the pastor.
2.30 p. m., Sunday school.
7.15 p. m., Epworth League.
8.00 p. m., song service; Christmas carols and solos.

The Christmas entertainment has been postponed. Our programme is so elaborate we wanted all to enjoy it, hence the entertainment is to be held on Wednesday, January 5th.

EDDINGTON PRESBYTERIAN.

Sunday school with classes for all ages and grades at 9.30 a. m.

Preaching service at 10.45 a. m., with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. T. Clayton Welles

Evening service has for its subject, "A Year with God." The pastor will be the leader.

Wednesday evening, preparatory services at the chapel and meeting of the session.

Thursday evening, rehearsal for Christmas festival.

Friday evening, January 7, the postponed Christmas festival in the church.

Sunday, January 9th, communion services and reception of members.

Annual Masonic Election.

The annual meeting of Bristol Lodge, No. 25, F. and A. M., was held on last Saturday evening, Christmas night. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather conditions there was a large attendance. Many of the out-of-town members were, however, unable to return to their homes as the snow storm continued until all travel by train and trolley was suspended. Some of the members remained with friends and at the hotels in the town. Others attempted to reach their homes by trolley and became stalled and were compelled to remain on the cars all night.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing masonic year:

Worshipful Master, A. Russell Burton, of Tullytown.

Senior Warden, George W. Rapp, of Tullytown.

Junior Warden, Roy Tracy, of Bristol.

William H. Watson, of Bristol, secretary.

Harvey S. Rue, of Bristol, treasurer.

Lemuel Vandegrift, of Eddington, representative to grand lodge.

Trustees, Dr. E. J. Groom, B. C. Foster, Benjamin W. Boutcher, Walter F. Leedom, Dr. H. Pursell.

The annual banquet was postponed until March, when the lodge will celebrate its 130th anniversary.

In certain parts of Germany it is regarded as a death warning to hear a cricket's cry.

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I have lots of them, at cheaper prices than prevailed at Christmas time.

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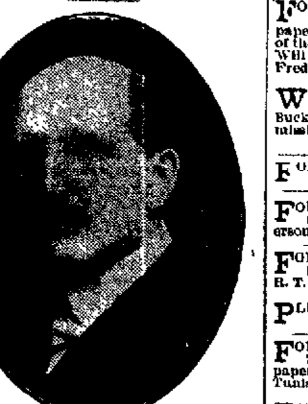
DR. TOPE TO SPEAK AT UNION MEETING

Famous Anti-Saloon Orator to be at Bristol Methodist Church on Sunday Evening.



DR. HOMER W. TOPE.

At a union meeting of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches of Bristol, Dr. Homer W. Tope, district superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, will deliver an address relative to the coming local option fight for the election of members to the State Legislature. It will be practically a mass meeting and every one is most cordially invited to be present, whether Protestant or Catholic or non-church goer.

Dr. Tope is recognized as one of the strongest speakers and lecturers in the country. The Chicago Record, said of Dr. Tope when he was a resident of that city: "He is one of the most eloquent clergymen in the city." The Chicago Sun says: "Dr. Tope is an orator of recognized power and eloquence, besides being a professed historical student."

The Springfield Republican says his "address was scholarly and eloquent." The Philadelphia North American declares "Dr. Tope has done work for the League in Ohio, New York and Massachusetts with great success. He is almost a Philadelphian, for part of his education was obtained here. He is a convincing talker, mingles ethics, practical politics and religion in taking style when speaking on his favorite theme."

The Methodist Church auditorium is admirably suited to accommodate a large audience and it will, undoubtedly, be taxed to capacity on next Sunday evening.

Thanks from Neighborhood Guild.

The following letter to the friends in Bristol of the Neighborhood Guild, Philadelphia, conveys the appreciation of that organization for the donations received:

Dear Friends in Bristol: Thank you all a thousand times for all the nice things which you sent. Have just unpacked them and put them out for the dinners and it has helped so much. It is so very good of you to remember us year after year and I certainly do appreciate it to the utmost. Our friends have been very kind again this year and we shall be able to give at least 250 people a good dinner. Have given out nearly a thousand new garments, a good many tons of coal, orders for groceries, twenty-five pairs of new shoes and other things too numerous to mention. It is, indeed a blessed time. Is not this Christmas spirit a wonderful thing, keeping its freshness and strength through all these centuries with undiminished enthusiasm and showering blessings upon all, blessing both giver and recipient alike. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, I am, with heartfelt thanks,

Very sincerely yours,
EMILY WILBUR,
151 Fairmount avenue.
Philadelphia, 12-22-09.

Bristol Bowlers Won.

In a Trenton League match, Bristol defeated the Thomann team on Tuesday evening on the Riverside alleys. The bowling of the Bristol five was very consistent, only twenty-one points separating the highest and lowest in the total scores.

BRISTOL.

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F. Allen	144	158	180	482
H. Wright	136	181	165	482
Kelly	121	164	188	473
J. W. Wright	166	160	168	494
M. Allen	154	161	167	482
Totals	721	824	868	2413

THOMANN.

Gutman	131	104	137	366
Murphy	118	145	153	416
McBride	143	146	142	431
Gaiser	118	171	182	471
Total	676	737	785	2198

Cornwells Wins Again.

Cornwells defeated the Tacony basket ball team in one of the most exciting games of the season on last Thursday evening by the score of 25 to 16. At the end of the first half the Tacony team was leading by the score of 12 to 6. In the second half Cornwells started in a whirlwind fashion and soon overtook Tacony and slowly forged to the front.

The playing of Sheppard for the home team and Fagen for the visitors were the features. Line-up:

Cornwells	Positions	Tacony
Dugan	forward	Kenettle
Jenks	forward	Bentcliff
Sheppard	centre	Fagen
Banes	guard	Wright
Knight	guard	Dineen

Field goals—Sheppard, 8; Dugan, 2; Jenks, 1; Banes, 1; Fagen, 6; Bentcliff, 1; Kenettle, 1. Foul goal—Sheppard, 1. Fouls—Tacony, 1; Cornwells, 5. Referee, Dingee.

The Cornwells second team easily defeated the Parkside Juniors by the score of 51 to 10.

What is to be Done About It?

N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

Whether or not express charges are generally just and reasonable may be judged by the action of the directors of the Wells Fargo company in declaring a special dividend of 300 per cent and expanding the stock from $8,000,000 to $24,000,000 subject to approval of a stockholders' meeting a month from now, after having distributed a regular annual divident of 10 per cent for several years and carrying the market price of the stock up from about 120 to over 500 since 1899. The present shareholders will have the right to take the new stock at par in the proportion of two new shares to one of the old, and two-thirds of the extra dividend will enable them to pay for it, leaving them the other third in cash and impairing only to that extent the accumulated surplus. This thinning out of the stock by covering $16,000,000 of surplus into that form, while distributing $8,000,000, or 100 per cent, in cash, will enable the company to keep up its 10 per cent dividend on three times as many shares of stock as before.

This cannot be called stock-watering, as the new shares represent actual surplus, but this has been created out of earnings in a few years, and it furnishes pretty good evidence that the charges have been high for a common carrier. The other companies have not been doing quite as well, but they have distributed extra dividends and expanded stock by converting accumulated surplus earnings into shares. Does this indicate just and reasonable charges for the service rendered in carrying property by express? If not, what is to be done about it?

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements under this head will be inserted for half-a-cent a word. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

WANTED—Good girl for general housework. Call or write, 817 Radcliffe St.

LOST—Baby's knitted silk veil on Thursday evening. Finder please return to Gazette office.

FOR SALE OR RENT—No. 604 Bath street. Bath, toilet and heater. Painted and papered new throughout, and situated in one of the best localities in the borough of Bristol. Will rent by the year to desirable tenant. Fred I. Kraft, 125 Radcliffe street. 12-31-tf

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Estate Notice.

Estate of EDGAR L. TITUS, late of Bristol Township, Bucks Co., Pa., Dec'd.

LETTERS testamentary having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having legal claims will present them without delay, in proper form for settlement to CARRIE V. TITUS,
12-31-6t Executrix.

Farmers National Bank of Bucks Co.

Bristol, Pa., Dec. 11, 1909.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the election of Directors and other business will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 11, 1910, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 o'clock noon.
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Estate of MARTHA P. SWAIN, late of Bristol Borough, Bucks Co., Pa., Dec'd.

LETTERS testamentary having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having legal claims will present them without delay, in proper form for settlement to LAURA S. LIST,
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CHAPTER XI.

THE WOMAN WHO TEMPTED HIM.

JENNY, who had been hidden in her little room during this long interview, waiting, watchful for an opportunity to see Philip alone, now entered the larger apartment swiftly and darted to the window.

Where were they going? She looked out of the window. Would Joe carry out his promise? She had paid him for his service.

She saw a boy run out of a doorway, speak to Philip and give him a note.

She was all prepared for him. She had taken off her dress and put on a soft wrapper of yellow and black, with her daintiest, flimsiest things underneath and just a touch of perfume. She had let down her thick hair and left it hanging over her shoulders. Then she had opened a bottle of gold dust fluid and carefully applied little dabs of it to her arms and shoulders, where it remained in shining blotches.

Poor Jenny! She built such high hopes upon this primitive ruse of hers, this trap of her physical attractions laid for the man whom she worshiped and would have served so loyally and with a devotion that asked so little in return. This was what life had taught her. The dregs through which she had waded clung to her. She believed that through them she could attain her high purpose, for her love for Philip was high and true, compact of the noblest aspirations, the best of all of her.

She would not stoop to the base use of her knowledge of Margaret's relationship. Mr. Jackson had saved her from that baseness, but all was fair in love, and she was beautiful. That weapon, given her, she would employ.

Presently the door opened. "Who's there?" she called.

"It's I," replied Philip. "Hello! Are you here?"

"Yes," confusedly. "I—er—I was fixing up the room. I did not expect you."

The girl came forward, walking rather unsteadily. "I don't feel well," she said. "It is a sort of dizziness." She put her hand to her eyes.

"You're weak and faint," exclaimed Philip. "You must sit down."

Jenny sat down obediently.

"Has Joe Caffrey been here?" asked Philip.

"No."

"He wants to see me."

Jenny sighed faintly.

"Want a blanket around you?"

"No; I'm too hot already. Maybe I have fever." She held out her hand. "Your hand is warm," said Philip, "but it seems all right to me."

He drew up a chair and sat down at her side.

"I'm so unhappy, Phil," murmured Jenny. "What can I do? Tell me, Phil. You're the only one I can turn to, and—oh, it's awfully hard!"

"I know, Jenny, but"—

"I've tried to do right; haven't I? I've taken any old kind of work, and, God knows, $5 a week isn't much for a girl who's lived as I have. Why, $5 a day wouldn't pay for the flowers I used to get! Haven't I come down and lived and worked in this rotten place and never kicked?"

"Indeed you have, Jenny. You've been fine," said Philip earnestly.

"Sometimes I ask myself what's the use of being decent. Who cares?"

"We all care."

Jenny smiled wistfully. "Do you care, Phil? I did it all for you."

"You did it because it was right, Jenny," he said gravely, but he felt vaguely uncomfortable under her pleading eyes.

"Phil," she went on, "you don't know how hard my work is. This gold dust stuff seems to eat right into me, and I can't get it off. See here," and she showed him the marks.

He gazed at the gilt marks on her neck and spoke sympathetically to her.

Jenny interrupted him.

"Phil, do you ever think of the old days, before I was married? You said I was pretty."

"You were pretty," he answered unsteadily, "and—and you are pretty."

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"Oh, thank you!" she cried.

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Her eyes were burning on him.

"Yes—"

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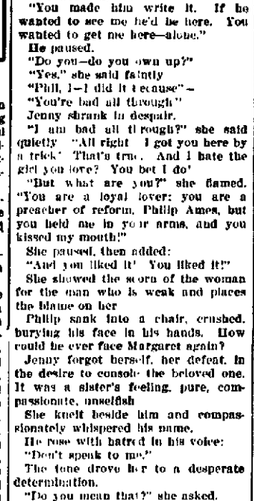

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